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PRESS CONGRESS VISITORS.

Keen satisfaction that the delegates to the World's Press Congress are to be on Maui Saturday and Sunday cannot but be mingled with sincere regret that their stay is so limited, that they will be unable to see all of the Scenic Wonders and beauties the Valley Isle has to offer, to tarry long enough to become thoroughly familiar with her resources, her problems, her hopes and her needs. Mauiites would like to take all of them to the summit of Haleakala, "The Beloved Mountain", to escort every member over the Ditch Trail, around West Maui via Kahakulua, up Iao and Waihee valleys, to make inspections of its sugar mills and plantation camps, to look over the modern labor camps provided for the cane field and pine company workers.

On the eve of the coming of the writers and publishers of the world, this paper takes the opportunity to extend to them, one and all, the old time Hawaiian greeting, Aloha, on behalf of All Maui and her people, Aloha, with all the welcoming significance the word implied in the old days and has carried down with it to present times.

It may seem to Maui's guests that they have arrived at a busy, perhaps an inopportune time, while the county fair is in progress, but that fair was deliberately staged to be simultaneous with their visit. Maui recognizes that the first instinct of the newspaper man or magazine writer is "to want to know" and so the Fair was put on that the visitors would have the opportunity to know at first hand what are the resources of Maui and Hawaii. It could not have been done more comprehensively nor more quickly than thus in a single day. Hence to the visitors Maui's Fair is more than an ordinary County Fair, or at least it is so intended.

On Sunday Maui's welcome guests will be taken on a sightseeing trip. Rare scenic beauties will be presented to their eyes as will also points of interest, it is the day when Mauiites will seek to extend hospitality, and to form acquaintances which would certainly ripen into warm friendships did time permit and will at least sow the seeds of such friendship.

The mind of the newspaper man and publicist is trained to get to "the bottom of things", to find the underlying reasons and so it would be idle to say that Maui's welcome to the Press Congress of the World is a spontaneous outspring of disinterestedness, it would deceive no one. Maui hopes for returns from the entertainment it shows its guests, but Maui is not looking for columns upon columns of free advertising of its beauties and attractions to tourists. Her people seek to set this part of the Territory with all other parts of the Territory right with the world, to make both understood through the first hand information the publicists will gather as to conditions here and Island problems. Misinformation is often as costly as deliberate falsification and Maui's hopes of returns lie in the fund of information secured and the use to which it is put by her Press Congress visitors. They can do much for this island and her sisters of the group, if they will, and Maui News is sure that the wil lis there, and at the same time they will be carrying out the greatest privilege that comes to the journalistic profession, they will aid in the progress of the world and of humanity.

The Territory of Hawaii has a self reliant population, one ever ready to help itself and equally ready to hold out the helping hand to others but the sterling citizenry of the Islands will welcome the more gladly the helping hands that may be extended to it in its struggle.

HAWAII'S LABOR NEEDS.

This editorial is especially directed to the delegates to the Press Congress of the World who will come to Maui tomorrow and be her guests until Sunday night. Maui folk generally are aware of the conditions that will be briefly set forth even if not thoroughly familiar with them.

Maui with the rest of the Territory of Hawaii has come to a crisis in her life. Industrial failure, loss of resources, acute governmental poverty faces the Territory and each of the four counties that compose it. Halting, yes actual recession socially and educationally is inevitable unless legislative relief is secured. These are facts that this paper seeks to present squarely to the press of the world. The influence of the press can, if it will, save Hawaii.

Sugar growing and making is the chief resource of the Islands and pineapple growing and canning is the second. From those industries in preponderating proportion Hawaii and its counties are dependent for support, for the tax monies which enable the governments to operate, the schools to remain open, sanitarium and hospitals to be maintained and the indigent fed. For neither of those industries is there an adequate supply of labor and from only one sure source can such a supply be secured. During the coming year every county will have to exercise an economy so rigid that in comparison with the past it will seem like parsimony.

Figures of sugar production this year do not reflect clearly the loss that has already been occasioned by the labor shortage. Production thus far this year in comparison with other years though much smaller does not indicate the loss already sustained. Unlike mainland crops, sugar cane and pineapples do not mature in a single season or in a year. With sugar cane one crop is being harvested, the next is growing and a third is being planted all at the same time. This year there has not been sufficient labor to harvest the crop of 1921 on time and it has lost in sucrose content in consequence but worse still there has not been the labor to cultivate and weed the growing crop that is to be harvested next year nor to plant the crop that will ripen and be ground into sugar in 1923, planting being from three to five months behind. Next year's crop will be much smaller than the one now being ground and the area to be planted for the 1923 crop is to be reduced one-eighth because of the acute labor shortage. No need to plant if it cannot be cultivated and harvested. Better to harvest from seven-eighths of the area properly

THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

The fellow who does it now has time to do something else while the chap who delays is still thinking about it.

Return to normalcy can only be retarded by insisting on selling of old stocks at wartime prices. The public paid on the way up and is insisting on its share of reduction in living costs now, not by-and-bye.

Many a husband is lost by too much care and, conversely the love of many a wife is lost by too little care and attention. It's the happy medium that is so hard to reach.

Length of skirt is no measure of the modesty of a woman. The long skirts cover a multitude of shins.

A child made happy is a day's work well done. Many Maui children are truly happy today at the Fair. It is their own day and truly unfortunate was the grownup who did not more keenly enjoy the day after a sight of their glad and eager faces.

The race may not be always to the swift but the entrant that's left at the post is never in the running. Half the game is getting the jump be it play or business. Only one way to accomplish anything has been found, that is to do it, not talk about it.

Charity of thought and deed will brighten more lives than millions distributed in alms. Talk may be cheap but kind words are of greater worth than diamonds.

The secret of the truest success in life is the relegation of self to the background of humanity. It may not accumulate large wealth according to the world measurement as a policy but means without enjoyment are tasteless and stale.

Nothing is impossible of accomplishment when undertaken in accordance with the one great law. The word miracle is a misnomer.

Timidity is a deadly enemy to success.

cultivated than from a larger area given over to weeds, partially irrigated and inadequately cultivated. Similarly but to a less extent the pineapple industry is being affected.

Unemployment on the mainland does not alter the situation here in the least and the bringing of unskilled agricultural labor here is no factor in the unemployment problem in the United States. It is farm labor that is wanted here and the class of labor that is idle on the mainland would not take farm labor jobs there to any great extent, much less so here.

Negro labor was tried here two decades ago with unsatisfactory results to all concerned. To speak of bringing European labor all the way to Hawaii is equally beside the question. The only source of supply that can save Hawaii is the Orient, whence has been drawn the supply for many, many years past. The press of the United States can disabuse the minds of its readers of reports that there is penonage in these Islands and can set forth clearly the true facts that conditions here will not offer any relief to the idle in the mainland under any circumstances.

There also exists a more or less widespread belief on the mainland that Hawaii is an Island possession, its territorial status is not known or recognized and at this very time there is a proposal to put the Islands under the jurisdiction of the department of state instead of the interior department, to make the Islands a mere insular possession. This needs combatting. Hawaii needs your help in this.

Hawaii pays taxes to the Federal Government, large income taxes and corporation taxes. Its imports contribute to the federal revenues, it shares with the states in supporting the government. Yet Hawaii is left out of the Smith-Towner bill for federal support of education and Americanization though no section of the Union needs such support more. Hawaii builds good roads but the federal good roads bills omit Hawaii from their benefits. There once more the press can aid.

Hawaii is self reliant but it has no senators, no representatives with votes in congress, only a delegate who can merely speak, not act. Self-reliant as is Hawaii she needs all the strengthening support and assistance she can secure, especially on behalf of the emergency labor legislation she is seeking.

Maui County Fair became an actuality yesterday, is in full swing today and will reach a splendid climax tomorrow night. Beyond advising every Mauiite who can do so to attend and to spend as much time as available there, further editorial comment is withheld till later. Time cannot be more profitably and enjoyable employed than at Maui's Fourth County Fair.

Maui News in daily form appeared at the Fair yesterday. Two editions were issued yesterday and there will be two editions tomorrow. This is a taste of what Maui can expect. Maui News Daily Bulletin will soon issue regularly early each afternoon.

The board of supervisors is holding its regular session and the spirit of economy is more strongly in evidence than last month, even.

The editions of a daily newspaper printed at a fair is something of an innovation in Hawaii. Maui's first paper is still first.

If you have not yet volunteered your car and services to the Press Congress Committee, do it now.

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